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Pannaikadu Panchayat

* 466 *Q.*—Sri **M. P. SUBRAMANIAM** (on behalf of Sri **P. S. CHINNADURAI**) : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) மதுரை ஜில்லா பண்ணைக்காடு பஞ்சாயத்தை இரண்டு பஞ்சாயத்துக்களாகப் பிரித்து சர்க்கார் உத்திரவிட்டதை அங்குள்ள மக்கள் ஆட்சேபித்திருக்கிறார்களா?

(ஆ) அதன்பேரில் சர்க்கார் எடுத்துக்கொண்ட நடவடிக்கைகள் என்ன?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Representations have been received from certain residents of Pannaikadu for constituting a single panchayat for Pannaikadu village.

(*b*) The representations are under consideration.

Sri **M. P. SUBRAMANIAM** : ஸார், ஏற்கனவே பண்ணைக்காடு பஞ்சாயத்து . . . . .

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : As the matter is before the court, it is *subjudice.*

Red-tapism

* 467 *Q.*—Sri S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the steps taken to reduce red-tapism to minimum, in all Government departments ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : There are already adequate provisions in the office manuals in regard to checking of delays and arrears in the office with a view to ensure promptitude in despatch of business. Instructions have recently been issued to all officers that communications from non-official bodies like Chambers of Commerce, etc., and from non-officials should as far as possible, be acknowledged immediately on receipt and that final replies should be sent as soon as possible after the necessary inquiries are over.

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know, Sir, whether the Government have any proposals to have a probe into the matter to see how far the present manuals themselves are responsible for red-tapism and if so, how they are going to rectify the defect?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The Government are aware of the problems involved in the despatch of business in the Government offices. I had looked into the manuals also trying to find out whether there are inherently any defect in the manuals themselves. I find the manuals, if they are worked properly, would reduce much of the delays which are being caused in most of the sections of the Government offices. But unfortunately various procedures and practices have come into existence. Unless we cut them, it may not be possible to see that there is speedy disposal of Government business. However, the matter is engaging the attention of the Government.